

REMARKS

The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 7, 2007. Claims 14 and 16 are in the application, with Claim 14 being independent. Claims 12 and 15 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 14 and 16 have been amended herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.


Claims 15 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 12 and 14 to 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 6,090,933 (Kayyem). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicants' undersigned representative during the telephonic interview conducted on August 9, 2007. During the interview, the Examiner tentatively indicated that the outstanding rejections would be overcome if Claims 12 and 15 were cancelled, and Claims 14 and 16 were amended along the lines set forth above.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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